

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A housing for an electronic system, the housing comprising:
  - 2 an opening operable to hold an attachment; and
  - 3 a passage having a first opening adjacent to the opening, having a
  - 4 second opening, and operable to hold a communication medium that
  - 5 extends between the first and the second openings.
- 1 2. The housing of claim 1 wherein the conduit includes an auxiliary opening  
2 adjacent to the second opening.
- 1 3. The housing of claim 1 wherein the housing includes:
  - 2 a back comprising the opening, and
  - 3 a top covering the passage.
- 1 4. The housing of claim 1 wherein the passage includes an auxiliary opening  
2 adjacent the second opening.
- 1 5. The housing of claim 1 wherein:
  - 2 the passage includes an auxiliary opening adjacent the second opening,
  - 3 and
  - 4 the housing includes a top covering the passage, and a cap operable to
  - 5 close the auxiliary opening.
- 1 6. The housing of claim 1 wherein the passage is substantially straight.
- 1 7. The housing of claim 1 wherein the passage is substantially rectangular.
- 1 8. The housing of claim 1 wherein:
  - 2 the first opening has an area,
  - 3 the second opening has an area, and
  - 4 the area of the first opening does not equal the area of the second
  - 5 opening.
- 1 9. The housing of claim 1 wherein:

2           the first opening has an area,  
3           the second opening has an area, and  
4           the area of the first opening is smaller than the area of the second  
5           opening.

1   10.   The housing of claim 1 wherein the passage tapers

1   11.   The housing of claim 1 wherein:

2           the housing further comprises a storage compartment, and  
3           the second opening opens to the storage compartment.

1   12.   The housing of claim 1 wherein:

2           the housing further comprises a storage compartment, and includes a top  
3           covering the passage, and  
4           the passage includes an auxiliary opening through the top, and the  
5           second opening opens to the storage compartment.

1   13.   An electronic system, comprising:

2           an attachment; and

3           a housing defining an opening in which the attachment is mounted and  
4           defining a passage having a first opening adjacent to the attachment,  
5           having a second opening, and operable to hold a communication  
6           medium coupled between the attachment and a device external to the  
7           housing.

1   14.   The system of claim 13 wherein the communication medium comprises a  
2           cable.

1   15.   A computer system, comprising:

2           an attachment; and

3           a housing defining an opening in which the attachment is mounted and  
4           defining a passage having a first opening adjacent to the attachment,  
5           having a second opening, and operable to hold a communication

6 medium coupled between the attachment and a device external to the  
7 housing.

1 16. A method for coupling an external device to an attachment of an electronic  
2 system, the method comprising:

3 inserting a communication medium in a passage having a first opening  
4 adjacent to the attachment and a second opening adjacent to the  
5 external device;

6 connecting the communication medium to the attachment; and

7 connecting the communication medium to the external device.

1 17. The method of claim 15 wherein inserting the communication medium  
2 includes extending the medium through the first opening and the second  
3 opening.

1 18. The method of claim 15 wherein inserting the communication medium  
2 includes extending the medium through the first opening and an auxiliary  
3 opening in the passage.

1 19. The method of claim 17 further comprising supporting the external device on  
2 top of a storage compartment.

1 20. The method of claim 15 further comprising storing the external device in a  
2 storage compartment.